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NATO FUZE DOCUMENTS:

Where Do They Come From?
Where Are We Going??
What Do They Mean to You???

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The NATO Fuze Group

NATO AC/310 Main Group:
The Group on Safety and Suitability for Service
(S³) for Munitions and Explosives
(http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/310/intro.htm)

AC/310 Main Group

SUB GROUP 1
Explosives

SUB GROUP 2
Fuzing and Other
Initiation Systems

SUB GROUP 3
Environmental
Safety
Testing of
Munitions

SUB GROUP 4
Generic Classes
of Munitions

Types of NATO Fuze Documents

- Standardization Agreement (STANAG):
 - States NATO policy related to the Terms of Reference of the Group
 - Ratified by NATO nations (with or without reservations)
- Allied Ordnance Publication (AOP)
 - Amplifies and provides guidance on that policy
 - Approved by AC310 Main Group only

NATO Fuze STANAGS

2916	Nose Fuze Contours and Matching Projectile Cavities for Artillery and Mortar Projectiles
4157	Fuzing Systems: Test Requirements for the Assessment of Safety and Suitability for Service
4187	Fuzing Systems: Safety Design Requirements
4326	NATO Fuze Characteristic Data (AOP 8)
4363	Fuzing System - Development Testing for the Assessment of Lead and Booster Explosive Components
4368	Electric and Laser ignition System for Rocket and Guided Missile Motors; Safety Design Requirements
4369	Design Requirement for Inductive Setting of Electronic Projectile Fuzes
4547	DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUCTIVE SETTING OF MEDIUM CALIBER ELECTRONIC PROJECTILE FUZES
4560	ELECTRO-EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, ASSESSMENT AND TEST METHODS FOR CHARACTERIZATION
4593	Fuzing Systems - Design Requirements for Inductive Setting of Guidance Data

NATO Fuze AOPs

8	NATO Fuze Characteristics Catalogue
16	Fuzing Systems-Design Guidelines for STANAG 4187
20	Manual of Tests for the Safety Qualification of Fuzing Systems
21	Fuzing Systems: Manual of Development Characterization and Safety Test Methods and Procedures for Lead and Booster Explosive Components
22	Design Criteria and Test Methods for Inductive Setting of Electronic Projectile Fuzes
42	Integrated Design Analysis for Munition Initiation Systems and other Safety Critical Systems
43	Electro-Explosive Devices: Test Methods for Characterization: Guidelines for STANAG 4560 5

U.S. Implementation of NATO Fuze Documents

- WHY: Mandated by DOD
- WHEN: (1) It's happening now
 (2) Upon ratification by the US (Does NOT have to be published by NATO)
- HOW: The DOD Fuze Engineering Standardization Working Group (FESWG)
- WHO: Tony Melita, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
- WHO TO ARGUE WITH: Chris Janow, US Representative to NATO Fuze Group

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FESWG Mission

Serve as the US body for Fuze Engineering Standardization. Duties include:

- Establish and Maintain Fuze Engineering Standards
 - US Fuze Documents
 - NATO Fuze Documents
- Review and Standardize New Technology (e.g. MEMS)
- Interact with the Munitions Industry
- Advise the Safety Boards

Fuze MIL - STD's & Handbooks

MIL-STD-1316	Fuze Design, Safety Criteria for
MIL-STD-331	Fuze and Fuze Components, Environmental and Performance Tests for
MIL-STD-333	Fuze, Projectile and Accessory Contours for Large Caliber Armaments
MIL-HDBK-145	Fuze Catalog - Active Fuzes
MIL-HDBK-146	Fuze Catalog - Limited Standard, Obsolescent Obsolete, Terminated and Cancelled Fuzes
MIL-HDBK-777	Fuze Catalog - Procurement Standard and Development Fuze Explosive Components
MIL-STD-1901	Munition Rocket and Missile Motor Ignition System Design, Safety Criteria for
MIL-STD-1911	Hand - Emplaced Ordnance Design, Safety Criteria for 9

Quest: How are NATO Fuze Documents Related to US Fuze Documents?

Ans: Please see handout

How May I Obtain a NATO Fuze Document?

- ASSIST Web Site:
 - http://astimage.daps.dla.mil/online/
 - Must also Call 215-697-2179 and request a CAMS account #
- US Rep to the NATO Fuze Group: Chris Janow, 1-973-724-5438
 - NOTES: (1) NATO documents are stamped "NATO Unclassified" = US FOUO (2) Only documents ratified by the US will be available in ASSIST.

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Conclusions

Every munition developer and producer is affected.

 Promotes common safe designs and practices among NATO nations, Partners for Peace, and other friendly nations.

Promotes international sales